

Ministerial Update - Feb 2

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RCMP

- * Numbers 325 on hill and wellington. Numbers remain low but truck numbers aren't changing. 75 on hill currently, 200 on the hill. Some individuals
- * Starting to see more organized counter protesters taking place. PPS has identified a livestream for
- * City of Ottawa has received a permit for a counterprotest on Saturday "to protest the terrorists currently occupying downtown and reduce the noise"
- * There appear to be more protestors expected on the weekend and possible use of farm vehicles
- * OPS is the lead in this situation and RCMP resources have been deployed in protective role.
- * Today we have received a request for additional assistance from Chief Sloly but we are tightly resourced and need to make sure people are properly designated under the Ontario Police services act.

- * There have been no incidents with parliamentary access to the hill. Have moved to a single muster point at city hall
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- * Discussions are ongoing out the opening of the grounds of Rideau Hall
- * Clear that residents and mayor of Ottawa want this to end.
- * These protests are not usually resolved without government offering some kind of off-ramp. Face to face meeting with government officials usually provide an off-ramp and can deal with a sidelining of fringe element. Can also be useful to buy time to build a more robust enforcement plan
- * In Courtts, have reached out to a number of tow truck companies but all have declined because they feared retaliation. One advised that a large cash "Donation" was received. Threats and online backlash has been received by these companies
- * Protests are descending into much more solid blockades. We can't do enforcement without the physical removal of the trucks.
- * Continuing to see solidarity protests in Emerson. This is a slow roll continuous loop but due to road conditions, trucks will not stop on the highway.
- * There is a large convoy to the blockade to deliver food and fuel.
- * Protests and slow traffic on a number of
- * Reach in form NSIA to look into the possible US funding links

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CBSA

- * Working to assist RCMP with tow trucks. If there is a need to facilitate entry from the US then happy to do so.
- * NO vehicles waiting at US side of POE
- * Extended hours at Carway and one other POE so traffic is moving there.
- * Monitoring other POEs in case there are blocks there.

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PCO Comms

- * Ottawa police and mayor doing hit at 16:00
- * Some of the language from council update is calling the truckers volatile.

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